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Pine Canyon Reclamation Plan - Kennecott, M/045/004

Dear Mr. Braxton,

Thank you for your letter of September 26 in which you notified Kennecott-Utah Copper (Kennecott) of the Division's conditional approval to initiate reclamation work at Pine Canyon. This letter is intended as Kennecott's response to conditions imposed in your letter.

Kennecott, in general, finds all of the conditions satisfactory and agrees to the proposed compliance schedule for meeting those conditions. As requested, the appropriate changes to the text of the reclamation plan have been made and corrected pages are attached hereto for replacement in the Division's copies of the reclamation plan.

As the Division is aware, we have taken exception to the Division's proposal for handling topsoiling of areas that were formerly the site of ore stockpiles; and have proposed alternative methods of soil acidity testing and topsoiling treatment of any acid soils that may be identified. This alternative approach has been accepted by Division staff during telephone conversations. As the result of this verbal acceptance, the attached text revisions reflect this alternative testing and treatment methodology.

Kennecott has previously agreed to making certain changes to the Reclamation Treatments Maps that accompany the plan. Rather than making the changes on these maps, we have, instead, provided the division with two copies of the full set of detailed design drawings that have been prepared for the project. The changes to which Kennecott committed in the letter of September 9, have been made on these attached drawings.

We agree to comply with all other conditions set forth in your letter of September 26, 1988. A site visit by Division staff has been scheduled for November 1.

Please contact Ted Himebaugh at 569-6553, should you have any questions regarding this response.

Very truly yours,

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